

Hyde County Hotline

24 Hour Crisis Line 252-925-2500

August 2015

To think that the victim is responsible for, or provokes, an assault is tantamount to believing that a bank is responsible for being robbed because it has money.

—Luther Kim

Why You Should Document Abuse?

Your records may be allowed as evidence in court.

Keeping a diary of domestic violence incidents—both physical and non-physical—may seem like the last type of record a survivor would like to collect. The truth is, this type of documentation can be an integral part of your case when it comes time to file charges, file for divorce or file for custody of your children.

According to WomensLaw.org, each state has its own laws about what evidence is permissible in court. It's best to talk to an attorney or legal advocate prior to your court hearing to learn more about your state's laws. In the meantime, recording and gathering the following types of documentation can benefit you:

- Verbal accounts of the abuse from you and any witnesses. This can include not only physical abuse, but also verbal abuse, stalking, or financial, reproductive or spiritual abuse. Ask these witnesses if they would testify on your behalf in court. You can subpoena a witness, which will force them to appear in court. Visit Womenslaw.org for more information on this process.
- Medical reports of injuries from the abuse. Ask your doctor about safe ways they can make notes about this abuse, advises The National Domestic Violence Hotline. For example, some can write "cause of injury" on your medical records, without the report having to go to the police.
- Pictures of any injuries from the abuse, documented with the date the photo was taken.
- Police reports from when you or any witness called the police.
- Objects in your home broken by the abuser.
- Photos showing your home in disarray after a violent episode.
- Pictures of weapons used by the abuser to harm or threaten you.
- A personal diary or calendar in which you documented the abuse as it happened. This could also include a stalking log. The National Center for Victims of Crime shows an example stalking log here.
- Digital evidence. Let your abuser's or stalker's threatening calls go to voicemail, and then save those voicemails. Save emails, threatening texts, screenshots of 30 missed calls in a row, etc.

Finally, make sure the place in which you choose to save these items is a safe one. Don't keep this evidence in the same home you share with your abuser. Keep it at a friend's or family member's house, in a safe deposit box or at your place of employment.

And, advises The Hotline, listen to your gut—if it's not the right time to compile this evidence because your safety will be at risk, hold off. Know that what's safe for one person, may not be safe for you.

<https://www.domesticshelters.org/domestic-violence-articles-information/why-you-should-document-abuse#.Va0-nHZRGU1>

Hyde County Hotline is now
accepting applications for a part-time

**Faith Based Community
Outreach Coordinator**
**Applications accepted through
August 15, 2015**

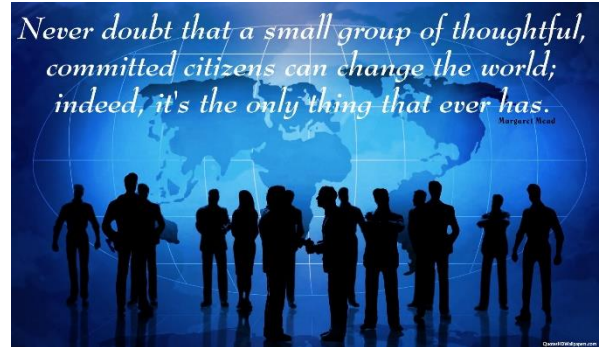
Candidates must have NCDL and vehicle (travel required). A criminal background check must be provided. Flexibility, dependability and confidentiality required. Must possess the ability to interact with the public, provide programming to various organizations, faith-based community, schools and other agencies. Candidate must demonstrate computer proficiency (Excel, Word and Email).

Call 252-925-2502 for applications.

OUR MISSION:

The purpose of Hyde County Hotline, Inc. is to work to eliminate domestic abuse and sexual victimization and provide safe shelter in Hyde County, North Carolina through the collaborative efforts of a compassionate community.

We promote dignity, respect and safety at home resulting in safer communities.



Want to learn more about
being a Hyde County Hotline
Crisis Line or Shelter Volunteer?
Let us know. 252-925-2502
252-926-5481

How you can help...

- **Donate to our Thrift Stores – call us for pick-up of large items 252-925-2502 (all donations are tax deductible)
- **Ask us about presentations **Ask how we can help you
- ** Tell others about us
- **Monetary donations are accepted: PO Box 335, Engelhard, NC 27824



We're on the Web!
Visit us at:
www.hydecounthotline.org



*Hyde County Hotline's
5th Annual Gala*

Unmasquerade Ball



*Saturday, November 21, 2015
Six o'clock in the evening*

The annual Winter Gala is an elegant, sophisticated evening with entertainment and a fabulous silent auction.

Hyde County Hotline will provide a beautiful location with stylish décor for this year's Unmasquerade Ball.

This year's event will include:

Hors d'oeuvres

Silent auction featuring unique items and experiences

Gourmet Dinner

Entertainment

Live auction

Dancing with music by
DJ JM until midnight



Sponsorship Levels

\$1,000

\$700

\$500



Sponsor Tables \$800
(seats 8)

Tickets

Couples \$100

Individuals \$55



We are currently accepting donations for the
5th Annual Gala Live and Silent Auction.

To donate, please call 252-925-2502.

Thank you for your support!

*All donations are tax-deductible and tax donation forms will be
mailed to you from Hyde County Hotline upon request.*



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOMICIDES IN NC from January 1 – August 5, 2015

25 Murders

www.nccadv.org

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1. Date: January 20, 2015
Victim Name: Robert Swedlund, 25
Alleged Perpetrator: Jeffrey Gillespie, 33
Relationship: None
Town: Troutman County: Iredell
Weapon: Firearm
Note: Robert was the current boyfriend of Mr. Gillespie's estranged wife.
2. Date: February 5, 2015
Victim Name: Bridgette Berry, 38
Alleged Perpetrator: Peter James Rivers, 40
Relationship: Boyfriend
Town: Mount Holly County: Gaston
Weapon: unknown
3. Date: February 5, 2015
Victim Name: Treyvon Berry, 17
Alleged Perpetrator: Peter James Rivers, 40
Relationship: Boyfriend of Victim's Mother
Town: Mount Holly County: Gaston
Weapon: unknown
4. * Date February 15, 2015 Murder-Suicide
Victim Name: Kimberly Allen, 40
Alleged Perpetrator: Steven Allen, 47
Relationship: Husband
Town: China Grove County: Rowan
Weapon: Firearm
5. Date: February 17, 2015
Victim Name: Anthony Martin, 57
Alleged Perpetrator: Cathy Martin, 56
Relationship: Wife
Town: Durham County: Durham
Weapon: Knife
6. * Date: February 20, 2015 Murder-Suicide
Victim Name: Eileen Yinfenlai Benedetti, 57
Alleged Perpetrator: Michael Wayne Benedetti, 46
Relationship: Husband
Town: Garner County: Wake
Weapon: unknown
7. Date: March 8, 2015
Victim Name: Amber Nicole Matheson, 24
Alleged Perpetrator: Ray Edward Matheson, 23
Relationship: Husband
Town: Charlotte County: Mecklenburg
Weapon: Unknown
8. Date: March 15, 2015
Victim Name: Jennifer Lilly
Alleged Perpetrator: Shelton Van Lilly, 38
Relationship: Husband
Town: Vanceboro County: Craven
Weapon: Firearm
9. Date: March 27, 2015
Victim Name: Tierra Hall, 17
Alleged Perpetrator: Kelton Breshon Fox, 17
Relationship: Ex-Boyfriend
Town: Durham County: Durham
Weapon: Knife
10. Date: April 5, 2015
Victim Name: Ruby Scott Bullins, 58
Alleged Perpetrator: James Allen Bullins, 37
Relationship: Husband
Town: Carthage County: Moore
Weapon: unknown
11. Date: April 12, 2015
Victim Name: Wanda Lee Dethlefsen, 33
Alleged Perpetrator: Roderick Reco Wyche, 20
Relationship: Ex-boyfriend
Town: La Grange County: Lenoir
Weapon: Knife
12. Date: April 18, 2015
Victim Name: Kimberly Dianne Richardson, 25
Alleged Perpetrator: Daniel Joseph Steele, 25
Relationship: Boyfriend
Town: Raleigh County: Wake
Weapon: Firearm
13. *Date: April 28, 2015 Murder-Suicide
Victim Name: Tamika McClelland, 39
Alleged Perpetrator: Halim Stovall, 39
Relationship: Boyfriend
Town: Charlotte County: Mecklenburg
Weapon: Set on fire

14. Date: May 2, 2015

Victim Name: Moesha Lockamy, 18
Alleged Perpetrator: Derrick Williams, 42
Relationship: Boyfriend
Town: Wilson's Mill County: Johnston
Weapon: Firearm

15. *Date: May 19, 2015 Murder-Suicide

Victim Name: Lisa King, 51
Alleged Perpetrator: Ben Elliott King, 52
Relationship: Estranged Husband
Town: Gastonia County: Gaston
Weapon: Firearm

16. *Date: May 19, 2015 Murder-Suicide

Victim Name: James Baxter Baucom, 58
Alleged Perpetrator: Ben Elliott King, 52
Relationship: None
Town: Gastonia County: Gaston
Weapon: Firearm
Note: Mr. Baucom was the boyfriend of Ms. King, Mr. King's estranged wife who was also shot and killed by Mr. King.

17. Date: May 21, 2015

Victim Name: Tonya Sutton, 39
Alleged Perpetrator: Michael Sutton, 42
Relationship: Husband
Town: Raleigh County: Wake
Weapon: Firearm

18. Date: June 6, 2015 (body found)

Reported Missing: April 28, 2015
Victim Name: Summer Swindell, 22
Alleged Perpetrator: Michael Ballance, 27
Relationship: Ex-husband
Town: Havelock County: Craven
Weapon: Unknown (exact cause of death has not been released)

19. Date: July 13, 2015

Victim Name: Calandra McLean, 42
Alleged Perpetrator: Billy Jo McLean, 54
Relationship: Husband
Town: Sanford County: Lee
Weapon: Fire

20. Date: July 13, 2015

Victim Name: Tashonna Cameron, 13
Alleged Perpetrator: Billy Jo McLean, 54
Relationship: Step-father
Town: Sanford County: Lee
Weapon: Fire

75%

of women who are killed in
domestic violence homicides
are murdered after they leave or
in the process of leaving.

21. Date: July 18, 2015

Victim Name: Shuang Liu
Alleged Perpetrator: Sebastian Mendez, 25
Relationship: Boyfriend
Town: Jacksonville County: Onslow
Weapon: Strangled

22. Date: July 18, 2015

Victim Name: Archer Liu, 5 mos. old
Alleged Perpetrator: Sebastian Mendez, 25
Relationship: Father
Town: Jacksonville County: Onslow
Weapon: Suffocated
Notes: NCCADV typically does not report family violence homicides, but is including this child's death as it was also related to his mother, Shang Liu's death.

23. *Date: July 22, 2015 Murder Suicide

Victim Name: Velma Sanders, 68
Alleged Perpetrator: Deland Sanders, 69
Relationship: Husband
Town: Jacksonville County: Onslow
Weapon: Firearm

24. Date: July 26, 2015

Victim Name: Tracy Williams
Alleged Perpetrator: Gary Yarborough, 35
Relationship: Ex-boyfriend
Town: Franklinton County: Franklin
Weapon: Firearm

25. Date: August 5, 2015

Victim Name: Jeffrey Brittain, 51
Alleged Perpetrator: Brittany Crocket, 27
Relationship: Girlfriend
Town: Mill Spring County: Polk
Weapon: Poisoning